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SUBJECT: YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC DELEGATION TO IMF/IBRD MEETINGS

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1. DECREE PERTAINING TO COMPOSITION YAR DELEGATION PREPARED BUT NOT YET PRESENTED PRIME MINISTER AL-AINI FOR APPROVAL.

2. PROPOSED DELEGATES TO IMF/IBRD MEETINGS BASICALLY SAME AS ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S MEETINGS AND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. IMF MEETINGS: 1) MOHAMMAD AHMED AL-JUNAID, FINANCE MINISTER, HEAD DELEGATE.

2) ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-GHANI, GOVERNOR CENTRAL BANK, ALTERNATE.

B. IBRD MEETINGS: 1) DR. ABD AL-KARIM AL-IRYANI, DEVELOPMENT MINISTER, HEAD DELEGATE.

2) ABDULLA AL-SANABANI, DEPUTY GOVERNOR

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CENTRAL BANK, ALTERNATE.

3. UNDER-SECRETARY OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY, ALI AL-BAHR, WILL ACCOMPANY DELEGATION AS GENERAL ADVISOR. MEMBERS OF PROPOSED DELEGATION QUITE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND FLUENT IN ENGLISH. ABD AL-GHANI, AL-IRYANI, AND AL-BAHR HOLD DEGREES FROM US UNIVERSITIES.

4. PROPOSED DELEGATION HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED REQUESTS FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS. YAR DELEGATION CUSTOMARILY USES IMF/IBRD MEETINGS AS VEHICLE FOR OVERALL DISCUSSIONS OF YEMEN DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS WITH IDA, IBRD, UN/NEW YORK, AND AID/W OFFICIALS. THESE MAY INCLUDE REVIEW OF ON-GOING AND PROPOSED UNDP, IDA AND USAID PROJECTS IN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE LINGERING MIS-UNDERSTANDINGS OR TO GALVANIZE SUPPORT FOR NEW UNDERTAKINGS.

5. FYI: THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT EITHER AL-JUNAID OR AL-IRYANI MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN FINAL DELEGATION IN WHICH CASE ECONOMY MINISTER, DR ABD AL-WAHAB MAHMOUD, EXPECTED TO ATTEND. ABSENCE OF AL-IRYANI WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HARMFUL GIVEN HIS INVOLVEMENT IN YEMEN DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS AND HIS CONTACTS WITH IBRD AND USAID OFFICIALS. ABSENCE OF FORMER MINSTATE FOR DEVELOPMENT, AHMED ABDO SA'ID (CURRENTLY MINSTATE FOR SERVICES), WHO ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S MEETINGS FURTHER UNDERSCORES DESIRE FOR AL-IRYANI'S ATTENDANCE. END FYI.

6. WILL INFORM DEPT ANY CHANGES IN PROPOSED DELEGATION OR ANY SPECIFIC ISSUES YAR LIKELY TO RAISE.
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